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- Emmanuel Rupenian, thirty-three years of age, a former official of the Ministry of Justice under Lucretiu Patrascu, was arrested on 28 February. All his letters, documents, and notes were taken for examination. Rupenian is a nephew of Herant Torosian, also a former associate of Patrascu's.
- Torosian became friendly with Patrascu in 1943. During the spring and summer of 1944 Patrascu hid in Torosian's house. When Patrascu became Minister of Justice Torosian amassed a considerable amount of money and was appointed Consul General in Paris. In October 1947 Torosian was recalled to Rumania and not permitted to return to his post. An investigation of his activities in Paris was conducted by Ana Toma, a friend of Ana Pauker, who reportedly ascertained that Torosian had been employed there by Emil Bodnarăs. Torosian was arrested at Oradea Mare on 23 March 1948, while attempting to escape from Rumania and sentenced to five years imprisonment, and has been brought from Aiud to Bucharest.
- It is now believed that Gheorghe Tătărescu will be involved in the trial of Patrascu. At the present time Tătărescu is under house arrest on the first floor of his home on Strada Polona, the remainder having been requisitioned.

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